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My サンタ!
Kan Akamatsu
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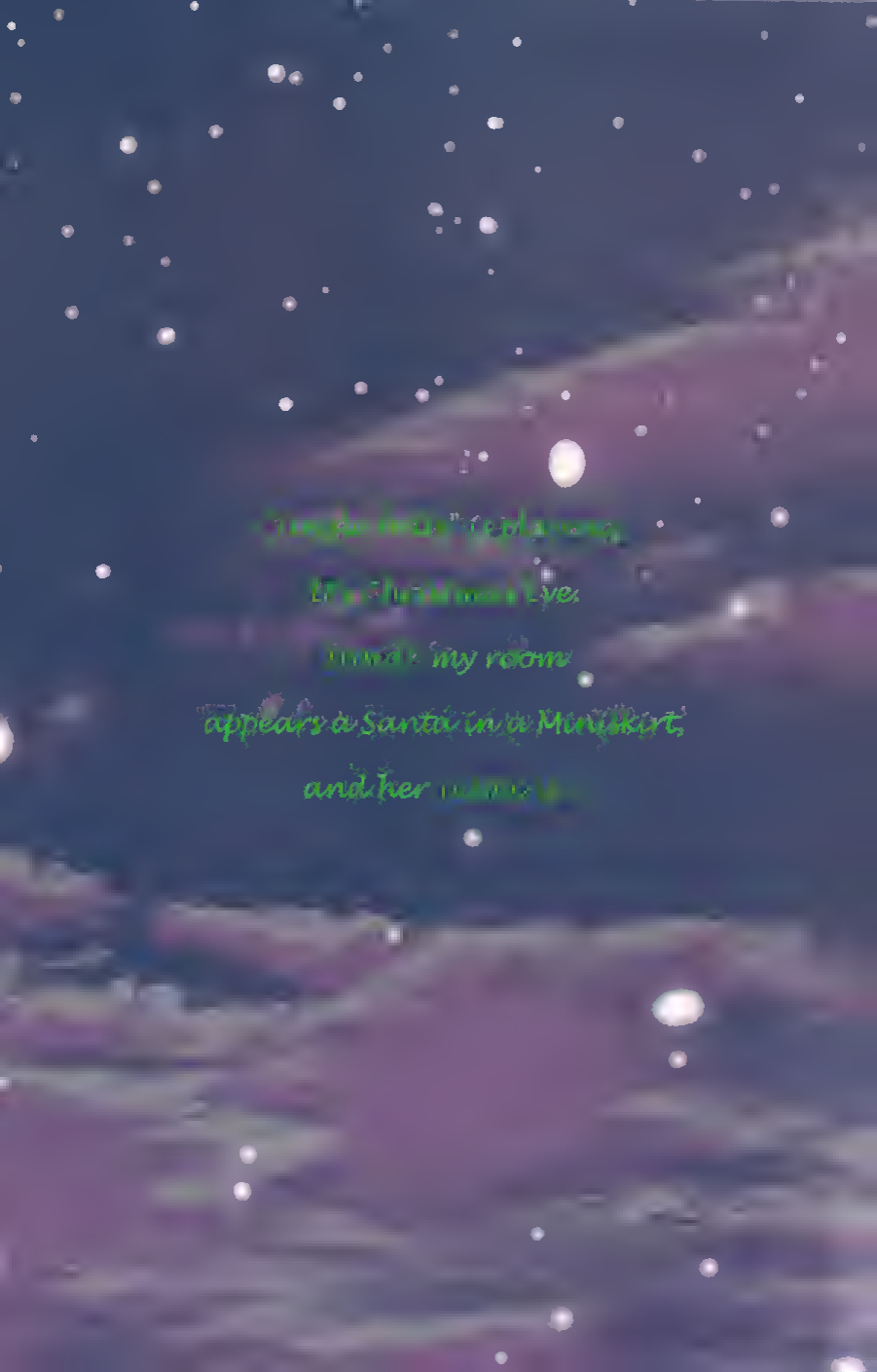
It's Christmas Eve.
appears a Santa in a Miniskirt,

IRO-HIKA PREMIUM MINI KC

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Kenji Kamiyama

MY SANTA!

Oh!
Which high school is that, I wonder? Could she be from a junior high school?
Man, the uniforms these days are awesome!
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SFX HEARTBEAT

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...AND THAT WAS WHEN I MET HER.
shock
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SFX: STARE
"JINGLE BELLS" WAS PLAYING IN THE STREETS. IT WAS CHRISTMAS EVE.
Wanna spend the night with me?
Hey, you!

What the heck did you think I meant?!
You pervert!
Bwah!
Hmm?
Heh heh heh...
Me?
And where did you pull that fan from?!
Who the hell ARE you, anyway?
What the hell do you think you're doing?!
What the...
I am Santa Cla-
I am the one who fulfills the dreams of all the boys and girls in the world, granting them happiness!
HEY YOU! HOLD IT RIGHT THERE! YOU'D BETTER COME DOWN TO THE STATION WITH US
..
I DON'T THINK SO... A SCHOOLGIRL DOING STUFF LIKE THAT
Let me go!
YOU'RE A SCHOOLGIRL, AREN'T YOU?
Hey! Wait a sec! What are you doing?

You're feeling REALLY unlucky right now, aren't you?
Yoo
Man, junior high students these days... or was she a primary school student?
What on earth just happened? Who WAS that kid?
Heeeeey! Yoo!
Ah, that's right! I got a perfect panty shot just then!
Who WOULDN'T be surprised?! And what happened to the police?!
My "radar of unhappiness" was going off! It can detect unfortunate guys like you!
Hehe... Surprised?
Uwaaaah!
SFX: BEEP BEEP
Right now, the Christmas spirit is filling this town with happiness!
W... why, you ask?
I'm not going to tell some weird girl I don't even know!
Why were you sitting there all by your lonesome self?

With the power of Santa Claus, I'll make you happy for sure! ♡
Spend the night with me!
Did you say SANTA?!
D...
Go home! You're bothering me!
I HATE Christmas, and I HATE Santa!
I've never met anyone who hates Christmas before!
Eeeeh?! How come?! Tell me why!
S... shut up! Let go of my hand!
?!
H... hey! Why are you running away?!

The reason?
You want to know the reason?
Tell me the reason you hate Christmas and Santa!
Please! Tell me why!
SFX. GULP
...and I was named "Santa"!
Because I was born on December 24th!
SFX. WAHAHAHA
Born on Christmas Eve and named Santa? Really? That's the funniest thing I've ever heard!
Kyahahaha! That's a classic!

I'll do my best to make you happy, so please.. let's talk!
I'm sorry! I really didn't mean to laugh!
A... all right, I'll show you. I'll get a present from my backpack.
See? You WERE lying after all!
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T... That's..
Eh?
...why don't you prove it by flying on a sleigh or pulling out presents or something?
Stop following me around! Anyway, if you really ARE Santa Claus...
There!
Th...
I still need more lessons before I can pull out things people actually like, like my grandfather can!
I can't help it! I'm really bad at this, so I can't pull out anything BUT fish!
It's Sama!
...what the heck is that?

Wah!
BWAH!
I won't let go until you believe me!
Let go of my hand, dammit!
No! I won't! No way!
Wah! This looks bad!
C-c-c-c-rap! It's true! Nothing good ever happens to me on Christmas!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! HOW DO YOU INTEND TO MAKE THIS UP TO US?!
THAT WAS THE LAST ONE IN STOCK!
I'm... awfully sorry...
Ah... N...
IT'S FINALLY CHRISTMAS, AND WE'RE BUYING THAT CAKE TO CELEBRATE!
YO! KID!
WELL MAYBE WE'LL FEEL BETTER AFTER WE BEAT YOU UP A FOR A WHILE! GET READY TO TAKE IT LIKE A MAN!

OAH!
Dropkick!
BRO!
WOAH!
So if you pick on him, me and Pedro won't show you any mercy!
If he's sad this year like every year before, he might really die!
I finally found him after all this time! He's with me!
S SOME REALLY TOUGH FOREIGNER?!
PEDRO ?!

Right, Pedro?
DON'T SCREW AROUND WITH US, YOU LITTLE !
What do you think you're doing, you perverts! Let me go!
JUST SHUT YOUR TRAP AND COME WITH US!
Kya!
Let's go home, bro! We'll have ourselves a real fun party tonight!
Help!
Not! Let me go!
You Jerks!
This has nothing to do with me, after all...
Well, that's that
Phew...

Santa...
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...is what I'd like to say!
IT WAS FINALLY CHRISTMAS EVE! BRO WAS FINALLY GONNA PAY FOR DINNER! HOW DARE YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
Y...YOU BRATS!
AAH! SABU!
What kinda "happiness" is this?!
I HATE Christmas!
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WOAH! AWESOME KICK! THAT'S OUR BRO FOR YOU!
EAT THIS!
ドッ
ドゲッ
GET HIM! IN THE NUTS! IN THE NUTS!
ドゲッ

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ドカ
Santa...
WH-
WHAT THE HELL IS WITH ALL THIS FISH?!
UWAAAH!
ドカッ
さんま
ぴしっ
EH?
Santa! Now's our chance!
CRAP! HE'S BURIED ALIVE!
BRO! GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!

Ouch!
Well, that was a nasty experience...
Eeeeh? What?
Yeah! I said it was a nasty experience!
Eh? Did you say something?
My name?
My name is Mai!
You were pretty brave back there, Santa. I've changed my opinion of you!

Heh heh heh...
Do you usually go to strangers' houses and use their showers?
Oh man, I've picked up a real weirdo here ..
It can't be helped. We're both filthy. You got covered in Summa after all.
Who'd wanna look at an undeveloped body like yours?!
I'm into women who actually have figures!
Speaking of showers, you'd better not be peeking, Santa!
Yeah, yeah. I'll be looking forward to it.
What the heck is that idiot running on about?
My REAL body is an adult Santa with reeeeally big breasts!
How rude! I'm only like this because I don't have enough power at the moment.
And jeez... what's with this stuffed toy?
I'll be sure to give you some luck later though, OK?
Because tonight is Christmas Eve, I thought I'd better conserve my power.

ボトッ
Don't touch Pedro!
N-no!
ガラッ
Ah!
Jeez... you're unbelievable.
I told you not to peek! You sicko!
Y-you're just SHOWING me!

Pedro bites strangers when they try to touch him!
Don't you?
...
Damn kid.
Pervert!
By the way... where's your family?
It's so gloomy in here! It's supposed to be Christmas Eve!
Is Christmas this bad for you every year?
They're never home on Christmas.
Today is my birthday, but it's also my parents' wedding anniversary. That's why they go on holiday at this time every year.
I told you... I didn't want to talk about it.
...because there was never anyone to have a party WITH.
I've never had anything LIKE a birthday party...

H-hey! Just a min-
Poor Santa...
HUG
キュッ
SFX HEARTBEAT
Wah!
Wah!
What have grandfather and the others been doing all this time?
You really ARE the most unfortunate guy in the world...
We're having a birthday party for you right now, Santa!
OK! I've made up my mind!
I'll spend the whole night with you, so please, don't die!
Wha-?! Who said I was going to die?!

A party? But the shops are all closed by now!
L-leave it to me!
I'll have a slice or two of cake out in no time! Just watch!
Hmm cake, cake, let's see...
ゴリさん
There!
SANMA TRIVIA: TASTES GOOD WHEN COOKED WITH SALT. APPROXIMATELY 40CM LONG
ばーん
Just wait a sec, ok?
Um...
Like...
How's that?!
Ha!
There!
She had THAT many fish in her backpack?
びっちっ
びっちっ

Santa!
ぽん
Happy birthday
SIZZLE
Cheers!
ナイ
but fresh Santa is good too!
I couldn't pull out any cake for us...
You know, "Santa" and "Santa" are only one letter apart! It must be a good sign!
Don't just decide on stuff like that on your own!
I could really go for this!
Ah! This is delicious!
Hehe... ♪
This is kind of embarrassing...
It's my first time and all...

Grandfather always said
"what kind of Santa can only produce kids?!"
N... no.
It's just that birthday parties are kind of fun...
Is something wrong?
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...?
It's embarrassing for me to admit, but I'm not a popular guy.
And at Christmas, when the streets are full of couples...
That was uncalled for!
It's the first time I've been with a girl, even if she doesn't have any breasts...

What're you talking about?
I'm busy playing Santa every year, so there's no way I could get a boyfriend.
I'm such a bad santa! I've never even made one person happy!
Because Cake is the only thing I can make!
And still, I try soooooooo hard!
H-hey! Haven't you had a bit too much champagne?
Ya shee I wantsh a relationship! Ya understhandsh, dontcha?!
Santa, do you have someone you like?
Eh?
Hey, what's this? There's a photo in here!
"Senpai at the club" - Sutou Minako, vice president (??) Wow! She's pretty!
Ah- Hey! Give that back!
W... well...
Hmm?
Is this your girlfriend?
N-no... Senpai isn't my... she's just someone I admire.
In fact, she's probably on a date with someone right now.
It's Christmas Eve, after all...

Hey, Santa...
Do you know why today is called "Christmas"?
Uh... something about the birthday of Christ?
Right, and the 24th is the night before that
It's almost like the whole world is having a birthday party tonight
Although everyone is in the streets, on dates and exchanging presents...
they're really celebrating a birthday, Santa. Christ's, and yours.

Feeling a little better?
Well?
Y-yeah! Actually, I DO feel a bit better!
It's like the world's biggest birthday party!
Of course! I'm Santa Claus! It's my job to make people happy!
That was a pretty nice thing to say.
Five! In that case, close your eyes!
W-why?
More right?
Hurry up!!
Mn...
Argh! What's with that tone of voice?! Don't you believe me?
Oh yeah, that's right! You're "Santa Claus"!
Really?! Do you really believe I'm Santa Claus?!
No, I believe you. Really, I do!

W... What the...?! You all of a sudden...?!
Hehe... what you just saw was magic, Santa!
M-magic?!
It's a spell that passes my fortune onto you!
I gave you a lot, so you should be very lucky from now on!
Passed fortune? You....
DING DONG
Eh?
SANTA! WE'RE HOME!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Mom?! Dad?!

30,000,000?!
ACTUALLY, WE WON 30,000,000 YEN IN THE LOTTERY!
HEY, WASN'T IT YOU WHO BOUGHT THAT TICKET?
WE SUDDENLY GOT THE URGE TO SEE YOU! HERE'S YOUR BIRTHDAY PRESENT!
Ah! Isn't this an "IBN" Full Tower Computer?!
IBN
CINDY-2000
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WANTED ONE OF THESE BEFORE?
HEY! WE'VE GOT A DELIVERY FROM SOME MAGAZINE!
EEH?!
SOMEONE'S LEFT A PAIR OF AIR MAXES IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE!
WHAT?!
You've got to be kidding me!
HI! I'M FROM CHANNEL 30! I'M HERE TO TELL YOU YOU'VE WON A VACATION TO HAWAII!
H-hey!!

Hehe... sooner or later, you'll become even luckier!
You'll be amazed!
If I don't like it?! Something like this?!
It's unbelievable! Like a dream!
If you don't like it, you can always return the good fortune!
Put it back right here!
Well? What do you think of me now?
Lately, there have been fewer and fewer people who believe in us.
And as I promised, I'll spend the rest of the night with you
It's my way of thanking you for believing in me.
Santa I...
Eh?
RING RING
Ah! OK, OK!

Mi...
Minako-senpai?!
Eh?!
Y-yes!
Of course
I'll go!
I understand!
I'll be there
soon! On
the double!
Huh?
Yes!
Yes!
Eh?
Yes!
Right
now?!
Eh? No,
that was
nothing
important.
My luck
is finally
coming in!
Minako-senpai
just asked
me out on
a date!
H-hey!
This is
great!

SFX. RUP
Wh-
I... it's disconnected!
What are you doing, you idiot!
The Minako-senpai I admire so much finally asked me out!
What the hell were you thinking?!
B but
That was because of my magic.
You...
Stop acting like you're living in a fantasy world all the time...

Why don't you just grow up?!
There's no way Santa can really exist!
I wanted you to be happy
because I love you
You said you believe me that's so mean
Eh?
I mean... I'm grateful for what you did for me today... but... well...
terrible

I really am Santa Claus!
I really am!
Mai...
Hey!
Ah-
You're such an idiot, Santa!
Wh...
What's...
...up with her?
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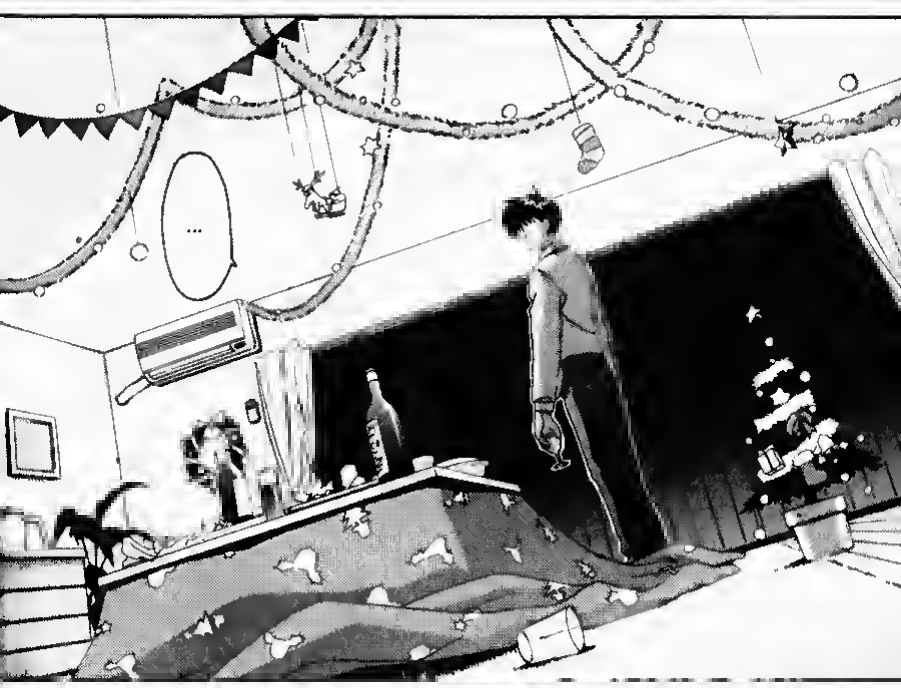
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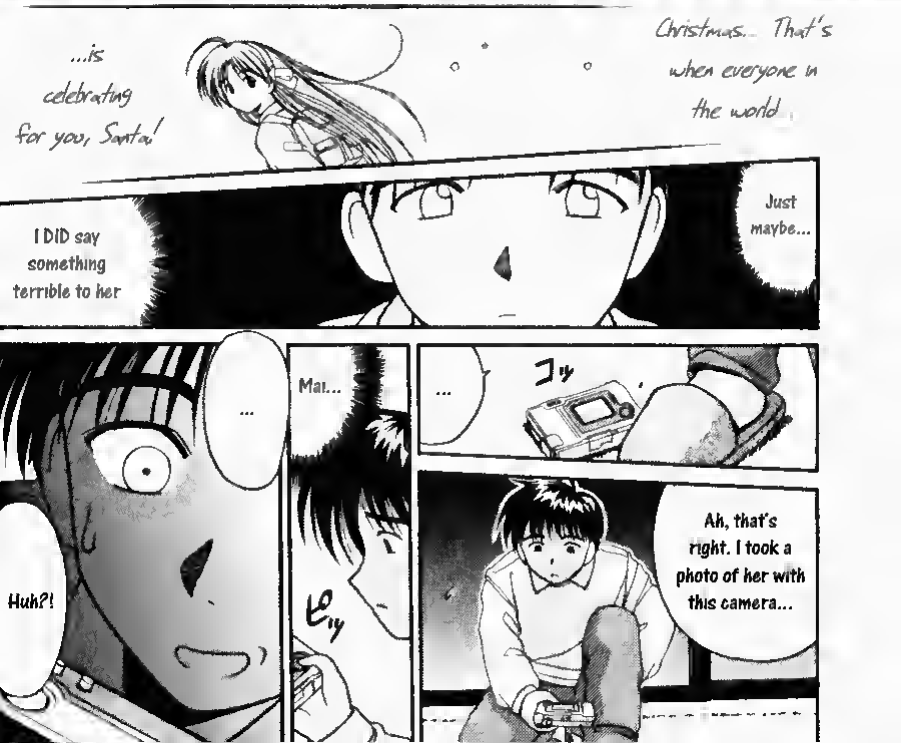
...is celebrating for you, Santa!
Christmas... That's when everyone in the world
I DID say something terrible to her
Just maybe...
...
Mai...
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Huh?!
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Ah, that's right. I took a photo of her with this camera...

It's so cold...
Maybe I can pull out some matches to keep warm...
...
グスッ!!
SFX: SNIFF

Well, I gave my luck away, so I guess it makes sense.
Ahhh... It's not my lucky day...
It's snowing...
I made him happy, ahh? !?
Santa!
!

I... I felt like I should apologize to you.
I'm sorry...
Aren't you going on that date with Senpai?
Santa!
...was a little Santa Claus.
In that picture I took...
I'm so sorry! Please, don't be angry anymore!
I'm sorry!
A-after all that, I guess the luck I gave you was wasted, then.
That's why I'm giving it back to you, Mai.
I don't have any right to be this lucky.
You did everything you could to support me...
...and I didn't take anything you said seriously.
When I thought about it, this wasn't a happy Christmas at all

Sam...
カチ
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Mai!
A... ah!

That was way too forceful, Santa! You can't just suddenly kiss a girl like that!
You shocked me back to my usual focus!
Aw, jeez...
S...
I take back the "no breasts" comment.
Sorry...
Idiot
Eh!
Hehe... get on!
P... Pedro?!

I promised you, didn't I?
Let's go! I'm only an adult once a year, so today's a special day!
...that I'd spend the WHOLE night with you!
W-with me? You don't mean...
You'd better hold on tight! We're off!
Go, Pedro!

Even if she can't make anything but fish!
Eeeh?
Hey, Mai!
Santa Claus really DOES exist!
C3-D2

...Just a dream? Yaah, that must be it.
W... was it all...
...
チュン
チュン
I used up too much magic last night! Now I can't get home!
Santana!
Ah..
What should I do?!
W...
Let me stay here for a while, OK?
WHAT!?
♡ Fin ♡
Merry Merry Christmas♡

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